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Ms. Emma Best MuckRock News DEPT MR 73122 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144

Re: Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") Tracking No. 2019-074757

Dear Ms. Best

I write in response to the FOIL request that you submitted to the New York State Department of Financial Services ("Department") on May 15, 2019, which reads: "Records relating to or mentioning Operation Empire State Rebellion. On March 14, 2011, the group Anonymous began releasing emails it said were obtained from Bank of America. According to the group, the files show evidence of 'corruption and fraud', and relate to the issue of improper foreclosures. They say that a former employee from Balboa Insurance, a firm which used to be owned by BofA, appeared to be a reputable insider in the force placed insurance market, a market which, in 2012, began getting more and more coverage from various government and media sources, including the New York Department of Finance, 50 State Attorney General Coalition, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and large class action lawsuits."

After a diligent search, the Department does not have records responsive to your request. Accordingly, your request is now closed.

Very truly yours,

Colleen Dawson Assistant Counsel